

**Carlos Hernandez**  
Mayor

**Isis Garcia-Martinez**  
Council President

**Luis González**  
Council Vice President



Council Members

**Jose F. Caragol**  
**Vivian Casáls-Muñoz**  
**Katharine E. Cue-Fuente**  
**Paul B. Hernández**  
**Lourdes Lozano**

## City Council Budget Meeting Summary Agenda/Minutes September 10, 2015

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Call to Order - **Council President Garcia-Martinez called meeting to order at 7:22 P.M.**

Roll Call of Council Members - **Full Council Present.**

- **Council Members Present:**
  - Council President Isis Garcia-Martinez
  - Council Vice President Luis Gonzalez
  - Councilman Jose Caragol
  - Councilwoman Vivian Casáls-Muñoz
  - Councilwoman Katharine Cue-Fuente
  - Councilman Paul Hernandez
  - Councilwoman Lourdes Lozano
- **Also present were:**
  - Carlos Hernandez, Mayor
  - Lorena Bravo, City Attorney
  - Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Invocation given by Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Caragol

### **Meeting Guidelines**

The following guidelines have been established by the City Council:

- **ALL LOBBYISTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK**
- As a courtesy to others, please refrain from using cellular telephones or other similar electronic devices in the Council Chamber.
- A maximum of three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers in opposition will be allowed to address the Council on any one item. Each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- No signs or placards, in support of or in opposition to an item or speaker, shall be permitted within the Council Chamber.

- Members of the public may address the City Council on any item pertaining to City business during the Comments and Questions portion of the meeting. A member of the public is limited to one appearance before the City Council and the speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

**The meeting guidelines were read into the record by the City Clerk in English and by Carmen Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk, in Spanish.**

**Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda (if any) – No amendments or corrections were made to the agenda.**

- **Ines Beecher, Director of the City's Office of Management and Budget announced corrections made to the budget, and handed the Council and Mayor the following two documents as replacements of the existing documents in their respective budget books:**
    - **(1) Gross Ad Valorem Taxable Values Comparison**
    - **(2) Budget Summary**
1. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance accepting for budget purposes the Miami-Dade County assessment roll; establishing a tax millage rate of 6.3018 mills which is an increase of 9.32% over the roll back rate; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalties for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 1 made by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Council Vice President Gonzalez. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

2. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Operating Budget for the City of Hialeah, Florida, in the amount of \$128,000,000, for the fiscal year 2015-2016 commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, for all departments of the City of Hialeah, except the Department of Public Works, Street Transportation Funds, Stormwater Funds, Capital Project Funds, Debt Service Funds and Special Revenue Funds; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 2 made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

3. First reading of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Special Revenue Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2015-2016, commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, in the total amount of \$22,859,127. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith;

providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 3 made by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente, and seconded by Councilwoman Casáls-Muñoz. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

4. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Debt Service Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2015-2016, commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, in the total amount of \$7,718,170. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 4 made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilwoman Casáls-Muñoz. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

5. First reading of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Capital Project Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2015-2016, commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, in the total amount of \$2,288,626. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 5 made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilwoman Casáls-Muñoz. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

6. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Street Transportation Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2015-2016, commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, in the total amount of \$6,985,876; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 6 made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

7. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Stormwater Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2015-2016, commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, in the total amount of \$7,696,990; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 7 made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilwoman Casáls-Muñoz. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

8. First reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget of the Department of Public Works of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2015-2016 commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016, in the total amount of \$98,332,954 inclusive of the solid waste budget as provided herein; and approving water and sewer rate increases, as attached hereto, to help offset wholesale sewer rate increases imposed by Miami Dade County effective October 1, 2015, in conjunction with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment and to maintain proper ratios of operating revenues and operating expenses as required by loan agreements and the solid waste budget of \$17,267,500; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0).**

**REPORT: Motion to Approve Item 8 made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. Motion passed (7-0). Second hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2015.**

9. Comments and Questions

- **Mayor Carlos Hernandez thanked the Budget Committee Members, the Law Department, the department heads and the employees for a great job.**
- **Council Vice President thanked the Mayor, employees and Council.**
- **Council President Garcia-Martinez thanked the employees and Mayor.**

**NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

**NEXT BUDGET HEARING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

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An ordinance or resolution shall become effective when passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto. If the Mayor's veto is sustained, the affected ordinance or resolution does not become law and is deemed null and void.

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